Area Formulas

Find the area of this kite


Note that the upper half is a triangle with base is $d_{2}$ and height $\frac{1}{2} d_{1}$
The area of this upper triangle is $A=\frac{1}{2} b h=\frac{1}{2} d_{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} d_{1}\right)=\frac{1}{4} d_{2} d_{1}$
The area of the kite is just twice the area of the triangle so $A_{\text {kite }}=\frac{1}{2} d_{1} d_{2}$
$b$


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A=a b
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We know the area of a rectangle

What about a parallelogram?


Is congruent to this right triangle

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The trick would be finding the length of $a$ since the diagonal $c$ would be different

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## $a$ is called the apothem

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\begin{gathered}
\frac{b}{a}=\tan \theta \\
a=\frac{b}{\tan \theta}
\end{gathered}
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b

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## $\theta=30^{\circ}$

## Why?

It would take 12 of these right triangles to fill the entire hexagon and since the central angles add up to $360^{\circ} \ldots$

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If the perimeter of this hexagon is 24 , find the area

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\begin{aligned}
& a=\frac{2}{\tan 30^{\circ}}=\frac{2}{1 / \sqrt{3}}=2 \sqrt{3} \\
& A=12\left(\frac{1}{2} b a\right) \\
& A=12(2 \sqrt{3})=24 \sqrt{3}
\end{aligned}
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Important to remember when finding the area of any regular polygon


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\theta=\frac{360^{\circ}}{14} \approx 25.714^{\circ}
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\theta=\frac{360^{\circ}}{16}=22.5^{\circ}
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How would we find the area of this trapezoid?

If we attach an inverted identical trapezoid we get a parallelogram

$A=h\left(b_{1}+b_{2}\right) \quad$ Since the trapezoid is half of this parallelogram

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A_{t r a p}=\frac{1}{2} h\left(b_{1}+b_{2}\right)
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